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22.	Trekking Base camp at Kuldiha in Balasore District	45.00
23.	Water Sports equipment, Satpada, Distt., Puri	20.00
	TOTAL:	Rs. 700.00 lakhs

India's Share in World Tourism Trade

†2124. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of India in total world tourism trade; and

(b) what action Government are taking to promote tourism in India keeping in view the Indian traditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) The percentage share of India in the world tourism receipts during 1998 was 0.62.

(b) Various steps taken to promote tourism in India include improvement of infrastructural facilities developing tourist products, organising special events, promoting alternative systems of healing and strengthening publicity and promotional efforts.

Disinvestment of ITDC

2125. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of Government's plan to disinvest ITDC; and

(b) the amount of money which is likely to be generated from the disinvestment of ITDC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) The Government has set up an inter Ministerial Group to work out the modalities for appointment of Financial Advisor to advise on the implementation of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.